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AUGUST 12, 2018, NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY
TO WEDNESDAY - 5:40PM - ROSARY
- 6:00PM - MASS

THURSDAY - 3:00PM - MASS AT AMCC

FRIDAY - 3:00PM - MASS AT QCC

SATURDAY - 4:30PM - CONFESSIONS
- 5:00PM - ROSARY
- 5:30PM - MASS

SUNDAY - 10:30AM - MASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Every First Friday of the Month Holy Hour from 5pm to 6pm followed by Mass.
2. Parish Picnic on Saturday September 8th following the 5:30pm Mass.
3. Religious Education (Caroline speaks on Sunday).
4. Those who would like to have soft copy of the Bulletin in their in box, please sign up with their email address.

READERS AND EM'S FOR AUGUST

Saturday August 4

5:30 Lector Janeen Sullivan

Sunday August 5

10:30 Lector Gretchen Froehle
 EMHC Kitty Scott / Sylvia Paniataaq

Saturday August 11

5:30 Lector Elsa Bronson

Sunday August 12

10:30 Lector Kitty Scott
 EMHC JenniferFast/Gretchen Froehle

Saturday August 18

5:30 Lector Tom Moran

Sunday August 19

10:30 Lector Sylvia Paniataaq
 EMHC Gretchen Froehle

Saturday August 25

5:30 Lector Elsa Bronson

Sunday August 26

10:30 Lector Julie Farley
 EMHC Kitty Scott / Jennifer Fast

PARISH STAFF

Tom Moran - Parish Council President 443-6601
 Megan Mackiernan – Vice President 443-4501
 Rebecca Callahan – Member 443-7158
 Patrick Callahan – Member 443-1236
 Angie Gorn – Member 443-3286

Caroline Proulx – 434-6010 Religious Education Director

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FAMILY CONNECTION TO THE GOSPEL

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the “Bread of Life discourse” found in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father’s will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today’s Gospel reading.

Today’s Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus’ claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John’s Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our Eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today’s reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week’s Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

START YOUR NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST

You can have real, lasting peace today through a relationship with Jesus Christ. *Start your four-step journey now!*

Step 1 – God loves you and has a plan for you!

The Bible says, “God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, [Jesus Christ], that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Jesus said, “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly”—a complete life full of purpose (John 10:10). But here’s the problem:

Step 2 – Man is sinful and separated from God.

We have all done, thought or said bad things, which the Bible calls “sin.” The Bible says, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). The result of sin is death, spiritual separation from God (Romans 6:23). The good news?

Step 3 – God sent His Son to die for your sins!

Jesus died in our place so we could have a relationship with God and be with Him forever. “God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). But it didn’t end with His death on the cross. He rose again and still lives! “Christ died for our sins. ... He was buried. ... He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Jesus is the only way to God. Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me” (John 14:6).

Step 4 – Would you like to receive God’s forgiveness?

We can’t earn salvation; we are saved by God’s grace when we have faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. All you have to do is believe you are a sinner, that Christ died for your sins, and ask His forgiveness. Then turn from your sins—that’s called repentance. Jesus Christ knows you and loves you. What matters to Him is the attitude of your heart, your honesty. We suggest praying the following prayer to accept Christ as your Savior:

**"Dear God,
I know I’m a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness.
I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He
died
for my sin and that you raised Him to life.
I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as
Lord,
from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do
your will.
I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."**